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## Civics and Careers

7 days | Ottawa | Montréal | New York - Designed for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board

### INCLUDED ON TOUR:



Full-time Tour Director; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and inner daily; Customary tips and gratuities; Overnight security at your hotel

#### Overnight stays:

Ottawa, (1); Montréal, (2); New York City, (3)

#### Sightseeing tours led by an expert, licensed local guide of the following:

Guided sightseeing of Ottawa; Guided sightseeing of Montréal by a step-on tour guide or your Tour Director; Guided Sightseeing of New York City

#### Entrances included to the following sites:

Workshop with Canadian Geographic; Visit Parliament Hill; Participate in a Mock Trial at the Supreme Court of Canada; Montreal Holocaust Museum (including talk with survivor); Visit Notre-Dame Basilica in Old Montréal; Top of the Rock Observatory; Tour of the United Nations; Visit to the Guggenheim Museum; Baseball Game in New York; Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island; Visit the 9/11 Memorial; Wall Street Insider

Tour: Broadway Show

### NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR:

Optional excursions; Insurance coverage; Beverages and lunches; Transportation to free-time activities; Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; ; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees



## Your itinerary

### Day 1

Arrive in Ottawa and meet your tour director

#### Workshop with Canadian Geographic

Take part in an exclusive workshop with Canadian Geographic. This workshop will demonstrate how to conduct your own field work study. Participants will explore various geographic sites while learning to collect data, identify flora, and conduct their own land survey.

Dinner in Ottawa

Check into your Hotel in Ottawa

Board your bus for your accommodation

Night Security in Ottawa (10pm - 5am)

Overnight in Ottawa

### Day 2

#### Standard Breakfast in Ottawa

Travellers will enjoy a group breakfast at the hotel or a nearby restaurant.

Board your bus to begin your day

#### Visit Parliament Hill

Get ready to spend some time exploring the place where the most important functions of government take place, the Parliament Buildings! See where the fiery debates between the parties take place and just think of all the important Canadian history that's occurred here since the buildings began functioning as a government centre in 1859. Just think, you'll be one of more than 3,000,000 people that visit Parliament Hill each and every year!

#### Participate in a Mock Trial at the Supreme Court of Canada

Learn about the Canadian judicial system and how various legal issues are resolved by Canada's highest court.

#### Guided sightseeing of Ottawa

Today, you'll discover Canada's capital with your Tour Director. Head over to Sussex Drive for spectacular views of the city and the Ottawa and Rideau rivers. Here, you'll see the Prime Minister's residence. You'll also see the impressive Ambassador's Row and tour the striking copper roofed Gothic Parliament buildings. The heart of Canadian political life, Parliament houses the Senate and House of Commons. Then pass by Dow's Lake and the 1,200-acre Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa's home to numerous farm animals, an ornamental flower garden and an arboretum.

#### Supervised Free Time in the Byward Market

The Byward Market is one of the top attractions in Ottawa with over 50,000 people visiting on the weekends during the summer months. It's a huge open air market with artists, a great farmer's market, over 260 stands and 500 shops! It's also a historical area of the city, originally designed in 1826 as a public market. The streets are extra wide because they were designed to accommodate the huge amount of traffic, except back then traffic was of the horse drawn variety!

Transfer to Montreal

#### Old Montréal Dinner Experience

Experience culture, dining & ambiance in an authentic Old Montréal setting.

#### Explore Old Montréal with your Tour Director

On a tour of the Old City, learn about Montréal's 350-year French-influenced history, which began with the founding of a Christian mission. Glance at the clock on the nearby Sulpician Seminary; it's the oldest public timepiece in North America. Stroll through Ville-Marie, site of Montréal's original European settlement, and into the Old Port of Montréal Harbor. End up amidst the festive bustle of Place Jacques Cartier. Named after the French navigator who first sailed down the St. Lawrence River into Canada, it is the site of the city's oldest market.

Board your bus for your accommodation

#### Hotel in Montréal area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Night Security in Montreal (10pm - 5am)

Overnight in Montreal

### Day 3

#### Breakfast in Montréal

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel or a nearby restaurant.

Board your bus to begin your day

#### Montreal Holocaust Museum (including talk with survivor)

Did you know that Montréal welcomed the third-largest population of Holocaust survivors in the world? Through the life stories of Montreal survivors, the Museum invites visitors to reflect on the destruction caused by prejudice, racism and antisemitism.

Supervised free time for lunch in groups - rue Ste. Catherine

#### Guided sightseeing of Montréal by a step-on tour guide or your Tour Director

With a licensed local step-on guide, discover the cultural and historical highlights of Montréal. Ascend Mont Royal to the expansive green park at its summit, designed by American landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, mastermind of New York City's Central Park. The 98-foot cross at its peak commemorates the 1643 climb by de Maisonneuve, founder of Montréal. Take in Jacques Cartier square, a car-free zone during summer and an entrance to the city's Old Port. See also the British-influenced quads and buildings of McGill University, founded in 1821. Then visit the Basilica of Notre-Dame de-Montréal, a magnificent example of French-Canadian architecture that once hosted national separatist rallies and is the largest church in Canada.

#### Visit Notre-Dame Basilica in Old Montréal

When it was founded in 1642, the village, then known as Ville-Marie, had its first wooden chapel inside the palisade at Pointe-à-Callière, today the site of Montréal's major archaeological museum. The Notre-Dame Basilica possesses some of the finest Gothic Revival architecture in North America, where it was the first full example of this major style. Come and take in the splendor of one of the most significant parts of the Catholic heritage in Montréal.



Group Dinner in Montréal  
Enjoy a group dinner at one of Montréal's popular restaurants.

Supervised free time in Old Montreal  
Enjoy free time to explore the historic neighbourhood of Old Montréal. Stroll through Ville-Marie, site of Montréal's original European settlement, and into the Old Port of Montréal Harbor where you'll find yourself amidst the festive bustle of Place Jacques Cartier. Named after the French navigator who first sailed down the St. Lawrence River into Canada, it is the site of the city's oldest market.

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Overnight in Montreal

Day 4

Breakfast in Montréal  
Enjoy breakfast at your hotel or a nearby restaurant.

Transfer to New York

Dinner in New York City

Top of the Rock Observatory  
See unparalleled views of New York City from the Observation Deck on the 70th floor of 30 Rockefeller Center.

Board your bus for your accommodation

Hotel in New Jersey

Overnight in New Jersey

Day 5

Breakfast in New Jersey

Board your bus to begin your day

Tour of the United Nations  
Get an insider's look at the United Nations and see the Security Council Chamber and General Assembly Hall. Subject to private tour availability.

Time for Mass

Free Time for Lunch

Visit to the Guggenheim Museum  
Enjoy the extensive collection of artwork as well as the distinct structure of the museum, designed by famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Guided Sightseeing of New York City  
A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. You'll explore the mosaic of Manhattan neighborhoods that make the city so unique. Drive through Greenwich Village, New York's eclectic province of bohemians, immigrants and students, and pass the cast-iron architecture of impossibly trendy SoHo (from "SOuth of HOuston Street"). And it just might feel as if you've left the States and crossed an ocean as you take in the vibrant life of Chinatown and the personality of Little Italy.

Dinner in New York City

Baseball Game in New York

Transfer bus to the hotel

Overnight in New Jersey

Day 6

Breakfast in New Jersey

Board your bus to begin your day

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island  
Ferry to Liberty Island to marvel at the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France in honor of the French-U.S. alliance. Continue on to Ellis Island, which welcomed millions of immigrants to the New World around the turn of the century. Ellis Island is now the site of a museum chronicling the history of immigration.

Free Time for Lunch

Visit the 9/11 Memorial  
The National September 11 Memorial is a tribute of remembrance and honor to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. The Memorial's twin reflecting pools sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood and serve as a powerful reminder of the tragic loss of life.

Wall Street Insider Tour  
Guided by real Wall Street insiders, you will explore world-famous financial landmarks such as the New York Stock Exchange, Federal Reserve, and Wall Street. While meandering the narrow, winding streets of Lower Manhattan, you will hear exclusive stories from "inside the trenches" that will entertain, inform and shock you!

Dinner in New York City

Broadway Show  
Enjoy your Broadway show, sure to be an unforgettable theater experience!

Transfer bus to the hotel

Overnight in New Jersey

Day 7

Breakfast in New Jersey

Board your bus for your return home

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